

HOUSE BILL 422

By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the tethering of  
dogs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (b) and by redesignating subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b) A person commits an offense who knowingly ties, tethers, or restrains a dog in a manner that:

- (1) Is inhumane;
- (2) Is detrimental or injurious to the dog's welfare; or
- (3) Prevents the dog from gaining access to adequate food, water, or shelter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all such offenses committed on or after such date.